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Airports to Serve Multiple Cities
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are airports in the country which serve various cities and not just one, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such airports are constructed and planned to serve multiple areas, especially in hilly regions, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these airports are sufficient to handle current passengers and cargo capacities, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the steps being taken to increase air traffic to such airports?

Answer

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(a) & (b): Most of the operational airports in the country serve more than one city. The location of airports depends upon the availability of land, traffic demand, operational requirements, obstacles, road connectivity etc. The catchment area of an airport depends on other operational airports in its vicinity.

(c): Most of the Airports have adequate capacity to handle the current passenger and cargo traffic. Airports Authority of India (AAI) handles international air cargo at eight AAI managed airports and these air cargo terminals have the capacity to handle cargo beyond the FY 2020-21. Besides, AAI has also established Common User Domestic Cargo Terminal (CUDCT) at 16 airports, which are designed to handle domestic air cargo beyond the FY 2020-21.

(d): The passenger and cargo traffic has shown an increasing trend at various airports in the year 2015-16, as compared to 2014-15. In order to further increase air traffic at airports, AAI has implemented 24X7 Customs clearance facilities at major cities and introduced incentive schemes on landing charges for cargo freighters at Chennai and Kolkata airports, besides commissioning of CUDCT facilities and continuous enhancement of operational capacity of airports.